

Yellowknife United Church
An Affirming Ministry and Congregation of
The United Church of Canada
Third Sunday of Advent – December 11, 2016

* - rise in body or in spirit



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The bulletin this week is sponsored by Rovelyn Sobrepena
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Gathering

Acknowledging the Territory in Which We Gather

The Candles are Lit

Advent Introit 7 MV Gather Us In, Ground Us in You

Gather us in, ground us in you 2x

Gather us in, gather us in, ground us, ground us, in you.

Lighting the Advent Candle

(Light the two candles from the first two weeks.)

Voice One: Dear God, today I light a candle for joy
in our world.

(Light the pink candle.)

May it burn brightly and warmly in our hearts.

(Pause for reflection.)

Voice Two: Your love dances like the flame on this candle,
O God, reminding us of the light of your
presence which is both promised and present
in this season of Advent.

Voice One: May it bring joy, may it inspire joy,
and may we be ones who spread joy in the world.

Advent Candlelighting Song

19 VU Kindle a Flame to Lighten the Dark

***Hymn 232 VU Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You**

An Advent Prayer of Gathering and Confession

Words of Assurance

Even within the deepening shadows of this season, the light of God abounds. We are a pilgrim people; we set out on journeys that lead to new insights and reveal new experiences, knowing that God will be with us wherever we go.

Let us not be discouraged.

Let us be open to the light.

Let us give thanks to God, now and always. Amen.

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Listening

The Life and Work of the Community

Anthem Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming *Traditional Advent Carol*

Learning with Children

Song 7 VU Joy is a Song (*Verse 3*)

Hebrew Bible Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-10

Epistle Reading: James 5: 7-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11: 2-11

Sermon A Road that will blow the budget...

Responding

***Hymn** 120 MV Canticle of the Turning

Minute for Mission

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offering **Doxology 544 VU*

Prayers of the People

***Hymn 4** VU God of All Places

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

Let us go out into the world in joy.

We are not alone.

God is with us.

Joy is promised in these Advent days.

Joy is known deeply in these Advent days.

God bless you as you wait.

God bless you as you work for joy.

God bless you as you live the life that is yours.

Your joy is blessed.

Go in joy.

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***Choral Response 884** VU We Shall Go Out With Joy

We shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace;

The mountains and the hills will break forth before us;

There'll be shouts of joy,

And all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands *clap clap*

The trees of the field will clap their hands, *clap clap*

The trees of the field will clap their hands, *clap clap*

While we go out with joy.